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Read the following:-

From the Director of Harijan Welfare, Letter No.Nil, dated 29th October 1949.

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2. The recommendations of the Provincial Harijan Welfare Committee were scrutinised by a sub-committee of the cabinet constituted for the purpose. The Government have since accepted the recommendations of the sub-committee, with modifications, wherever necessary, and orders have been issued on the various recommendations. As the first step towards implementing the recommendations, the Government constituted in G.O.Ms.No.337, Firka Development, dated 25th March 1949, a separate department for Harijan Welfare with Sri V.Bashyam Ayyangar, a retired Judge of the High Court of Judicature and a tried worker for the cause of Harijans, as the Honorary Director at its head. The new department came into existence on 1st April 1949.

3. House-sites.- There was good progress during the year under review; 425 house-sites covering an extent of 16.34 acres of Government land and 497 house-sites covering an extent of 35.32 acres of private lands were provided. In order to speed up acquisition of land undertaken on behalf of the eligible communities for provision of house-sites and to watch the progress of work done, the Government have directed the Collectors od districts to submit quarterly progress reports to the Board of Revenue on the work done, and these reports are reviewed by the Board of Revenue. It is hoped that the land acquisition work will proceed at a rapid pace and that more and more house-sites will soon be provided.

4. Loans.- There was a total outstanding of Rs.61,455 at the end of 1948-49 in spite of the effective steps, which the Commissioner of Labour, who was in charge of the wrok, was directed to take. The Government hope that the Director of Harijan Welfare will take effective steps for exercising a stricter control over the collections, and see that the outstanding amount is reduced considerably.

5. Assignment of Lands.- The ban imposed by Government on the permanent assignment of lands reserved for the eligible communities for the duration of the war continued during the year.

The percentage of the number of sites inspected to the number of sites assigned was 80 and over in 12 districts. In East Godavari district an extent of 63.17 acres of land was leased out to Harijans under Grow More Food Scheme bringing the total extent of lands leased to eligble communities since the introduction of Grow More Food Scheme to 3,735.58 acres. 5,957.2 acres of lands were leased out to the registered socities composed of Adi-Andhras and Christians for a total rent of Rs.2,81,251-7-0 during the fasli 1358.

6. Education--Schools.- There were, 1,194 schools at the begining of the year. Sixteen new schools were started and five schools were closed. Thus there were 1,205 schools at the end of the year. The number of children who received education in these schools increased during the year under review, the total number being 94,950 consisting of 61,007 boys and 33,943 girls, as against 84,432 children consisting of 55,944 boys and 28,488 girls in the previous year. Thus during the period under review 10, 18 more children received education. The number of teachers employed was 2,624 of whom 18 were untrained. A sum of Rs.80,991-9-4 was spent on the construction and repair of school buildings.

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Midday Meals.- During the year under review midday meals were supplied in 1,153 schools out of 1,205 schools. The scheme of supply of midday meals could not be extended to the other labour schools, as most of them were started late during the year. In Madras City, the Corporation of Madras, arranged for the supply of midday meals in four out of five schools. There has been a general complaint from the Collectors of the districts, that the contractors are unwilling to take up or renew the contracts for the supply of midday meals at the rate of one anna nine pies (Rs.0-1-9) per meal fixed by the Government. The question of revising the rates in all the districts is under the consideration of the Government. The expenditure incurred by the department on the supply of midday meals was Rs.11,66,903 as against Rs.11,15,705 incurred during the previous year. The attendance of the pupils in the labour schools improved as the result of the supply of midday meals.

7. Scholarships and Boarding Grants.- There has generally been an increase in the number of scholarships granted during the year 1948-49 as compared with those granted in 1947-48, as can be seen from the following statement:-

Nature of scholarships.	1947-48.		1948-49.	
	Number of scholarships.	Amount	Number of scholarships.	Amount.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Rs.		Rs.
Non-residential Elementary and Secondary Education.	5,277	98,303	6,743	97,314
Non-residential Collegiate education.	154	5,474	153	5,254
Residential(Colleges)	..	..	308	97,804
" " High Schools	361	72634	247	43224
Professional (Residential)	66	34,328	116	56,231
Professional(Non-Residential)	6	614	7	961
Commercial Courses	10	360	10	360
Madras Seva Sadan	8	1,200	6	900
Co-operative Training	14	4,043	6	1,710
Industrial (Residential)	19	1,380	30	2,640
Industrial (Non-Residential)	65	2,569	71	1,16

Boarding Grants.- A sum of Rs.6,96,005-13-2 was spent on boarding and other grants, as against Rs.5,35,051-0-9 spent in the previous year. A sum of Rs.2,609-9-0 was spent for the Welfare Work of the eligible communities from the allotment of Rs.3,000 under 'Discretionary Grant'.

The Government have directed that for a period of ten years begining with 1948-49 full fee concession should be granted to Harijan pupils studying in Secondary Schools and Colleges and that with effect from 1949-50 the pupils belonging to Aboriginal and Hill tribes also should be granted full fee concession in Secondary Schools and Colleges. The Government have also directed that for a period of ten years with effect from 1948-49 the pupils belonging to eligible communities reading in the Scondary Schools be allowed the benefit of the scholarships and Boarding grants granted by the Labour Department for a second year in the same class subject to the condition that the concession is given onlytwice during the course, onee in Forms I to III and once in Forms IV to VI and that the students studying in the Engineering Colleges be allowed to retain scholarships only for one failure and those studying in the Medical Colleges for two failures for the period of the entire course. The concessions have not been granted to the pupils of Arts and Law Colleges. Government have also directed that, for the purpose of granting scholarships and Boarding grantes by the Labour Department (now Harijan Welfare Depart-

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Department) in lieu of the poverty certificates from the pupils, it would be sufficient if the head of the Educational Institution certifies bearing in mind the income limits of the parents or guardians prescribed in the Madras Educational Rules) that the pupils are too poor to continue their studies without the help of scholarships or Boarding grants as the case may be.

Government have empowered the Commissioner of Labour (now the Director of Harijan Welfare) to grant non-residential scholarships to Harijan pupils undertaking the various courses of studies and to convert them into residential scholarhsips wherever necessary, as shown below:-

S.Number and course.	Scholarships.	Remarks.
1. B.Com.(Hons.)	Non-residential scholarships — First year Rs.223-8-0 (for books and special fees); Second year Rs.23-8-0(for special fees); third year Rs.23-8-0(for special fees).	The non-residential scholarhips may be converted into residential scholarships in deserving cases.
2. B.Sc.(Agriclutre)		Authorized to raise the rate of schclarhips upto a maximum of Rs.50 per mensem and to increase the number of scholarships in the two Agricultural Colleges, if necessary, for 1949-50.
3. Law Course.	Sixteen non-residential scholarships.	Eleven scholarships for Harijan students and five for students belonging to Yerukula, Yanadi and other aboriginal tribes. These schlarships may be converted into residential scholarships in deserving cases.
4. Master of Surgery (M.S.).	Two non-residential scholarhips, to the value of Rs.480 each at half-fee rate.	These non-residential scholarhips may be converted into residential scholarships in deserving cases.
5. Diploma in politics and Public Administration.	Two non-residential scholarships.	These non-residential scholarhips may be converted into residential scholarships in deserving cases.
6. Training in fruit tanning and preservation at the Fruit Research Station, Kodur.	Two scholarships at Rs.25 each per mensem.	NIL.

8. Examination Fees.- A sum of Rs.6,505-8-0 was sanctioned to 466 pupils appearing for the various examinations towards their examination fees as against 403 involving an expenditure of Rs.5,425 in the previous year; 54 students were granted repayable advances for payment of examination fees involving an ex-

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penditure of Rs.2,165 as against 25 repayable advances involving an expenditure of Rs.832 paid in the previous year. Non-recurring grants amounting to Rs.770 (Rs.450 for Hindus and Rs.320 for converts) were sanctioned during the year 1948-49 for purposes of books, clothes, etc.

9. Maintenance of hostels.- This Department continues to maintain the nine hostels mentioned in the previous year's report. In addition, three new Harijan hostels at Rajampet(Cuddapah), Kotagiri (The Nilgiris) and Visakhapatnam were opened during the year under review. This Department subsidized during the year 327 hostels managed by private agencies and the grant sanctioned was Rs.10,08,305 as against Rs.5,15,325 on 148 hostels in the previous year. The Government have directed that the system of granting individual boarding grants to pupils belonging to eligible communities by the Labour Department should be abolished and that lump-sum Boarding grants should be granted instead to the various hostels.

10. Other activities.- A grant of Rs.2,518-5-0 was sanctioned to 289 scheduled caste Co-operative Societies selected by the Registrar of Co-operative Scocieties to enable them to pay remuneration to persons employed in writing up their accounts as against Rs.2,813 sanctioned to 237 co-operative societies in the previous year.

At the instance of the Provincial Harijan Welfare Committee, Government have directed that Village Vigilance Committees should be constituted in a few places in the districts to begin with and their members chosen by the District Harijan Welfare Committees. The Committees have been constituted to watch closely the diffulties to which the Harijans are subjected and if possible to bring about settlement of the disputes arising invillages or to report the matter to District Harijan Welfare Committees. The Committee consists of Harijans anc aste Hindur members on a 50-50 basisand the village headman is also a member of it.

11. Backward Classess Scholarships.- The Government have empowered the Commissioner of Labour (now Director of Harijan Welfare) to grant scholarships to the pupils belonging to Backward Communities during the year 1948-49 and for this purpose a sum of Rs. one lakh (Rs.1,00,000) was sanctioned. During the previous years students belonging to Backward Cla sses were not eligible for scholarships granted by the Labour Department. particulars of scholarships granted to the Backward Class students upto 31st March 1949 are given below:-

	Number of scholarships sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
Professional courses (residential)	79	47,270	12	0
-do- (non-residential)	18	3,232	12	0
Arts College (residential	49	25,619	8	0
-do- (non-residential)	113	9,675	0	0
High schools (residential)	12	2,795	0	0
-do- (non-residential)	338	11,393	0	0
Total.	609	99,986	0	0

A sum of Rs.5,00,000 has been set apart for scholarships, etc. for these students during the year 1949-50.

12. Thetotal expenditure during the year under review on the various

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ameliorative measures for the Harijans was Rs. 53,17,740 as against Rs.41,38,327 spent in the year 1947-48, as shown below:-

Items of expenditure	Amount spent in 1948-49	Amount spent in 1947-48
	Rs.	Rs.
Education —		
1. Pay of establishments	11,51,868	9,79790
2. Allowances.	5,17,824	4,79,205
3. Office contingencies	12,78,160	11,57,819
4. Construction and repair of school buildings	94,511	1,11,906
5. Scholarships and schooling charges	4,44,451	2,35,958
6. Equipment for schools	83,675	64,810
7. Maintenance of hostels	1,13,995	81,015
8. Boarding and other grants	10,77,006	6,34,625
Other ameliorative measures—		
9. Construction and repair of wells, pathways, burial grounds, etc.	4,83,378	3,87,446
10. Grants towards the half the cost of acquisition of the house-sites for Adi-Dravidas.	12,872	5,753
Total.	53,17,740	41,38,327

13. The Government are of the view that the removal of untouchability and the uplift of Harijans can best be secured by setting apart a day in each month for social service and mutual undertanding in all parts of the Province. They have accordingly directed that the 30th day of each month should be observed as a "Harijan Day" in which Government servants, Congress Organisations and Harijan Sevak Sanghs play a prominent part in the great work for national solidarity.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

M. S. Jagannayakulu,
Secretary to Government.

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